The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Thomas
St. Cecilia in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI

June 22, 2025

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
`School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 22-29

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	David Volmert
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Butch Loethen
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Aaron Fennewald
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	People of our Parishes L&D Knights of Columbus

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 22-29

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Ben & Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Lawrence, Bernadine, Kenneth & Scott Otto

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$330.000.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025	**$346,793.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$16,793.00
Offertory Goal for June	$27,500.00

Collection in Church

June 1	$5,670.10
June 8	$4,454.20
June 15	$1,060.00
June 22	
June 29	
Collection Online	$8,373.00
June Total to Date	**$19,557.30**
Difference for June	-$7,942.70

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025	**$59,715.25**
Offertory Goal per Month for June	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

June 1	$967.00
June 8	$1,100.00
June 15	$1,057.00
June 22	
June 29	
June Total to Date	**$3,124.00**
Difference for June	-$2,709.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Thursday 7:25 am	Dale Herigon - Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector

Wednesday 6:10 pm	Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious
Lector Wednesday	Samantha Even

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Aaron Fennewald
Sunday	Knights of Columbus

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Lawrence, Bernadine, Kenneth & Scott Otto

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.
VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**
MASS STIPENDS: $10.00
BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon. **PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

Liturgical Role Schedule for June 28 & 29			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	**Sunday, 8:00 AM**	**Sunday, 10:00 AM**
Altar Servers	**Victoria & Will Wieberg, Georgia & Emerald Fennewald**	**Gavin Werdehausen Natalee Derkum**	**Aliyah Buechter, Cadyn Libbert, Gavin Buechter, Gabe Sandbothe**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	**Marshall Boessen Mark Graessle Janice Schanzmeyer**	**Dominic Plassmeyer Dorothy Rehagen Betty Hagenhoff**	**Keith Kliethermes Glenn Prenger Jennifer Schroeder**
Lector	**Kara Holterman**	**Karyn Veltrop**	**Jim Lueckenhoff**
Rosary Leader - Glorious	**Janice Schanzmeyer**	**Mary Plassmeyer**	**Jennifer Schroeder**
Greeters/Ushers	**Adam Holterman Eric Strope**	**Leonard Schulte Randy Hagenhoff Mitch Stumpe Brendan Stumpe**	**Mark Loethen Ben Luebbering**
Music Ministry	**Jeanette Schroeder Lisa Wieberg**	**Lydia Hurst**	**Alanna Stockman Josh Luebbering**
Live Stream			**Dunja Wieberg**
Count Collection		**Terry & Pam Libbert**	**Rosalyn Wieberg Donna Schellman**
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	**Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering**		

NOTES OF THANKS!
Thank you to Julie Bock and Erica Wieberg for volunteering to be on our St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council. They will start their three year term this Month!

Thank you to the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus for taking care of the St. Thomas the Apostle Church carpet cleaning.

LOST: Lost a red pouch containing a red rosary at St. Cecilia Church, possibly in the Church Parking lot Sunday, June 15 after Mass. If found, please return to Dolores Libbert. It is a special rosary gifted to me from my late aunt. My phone number is 573-680-9790. Thank you!

PASTORS MEDITATION: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS- CORPUS CHRISTI (Gen. 14: 18-20, 1Cor. 11: 23-26, Lk. 9: 11-17) The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday. Corpus Christi is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as Emmanuel, God with us, in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Jesus, body and blood, soul and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine, so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist. We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because: a) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. b) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. c) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. d) "Nothing is impossible for God." We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: "Transubstantiation" which means that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is changed into the substance of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents (like color, shape, taste etc.), remain the same. This year's readings for the Feast emphasize the theme of Covenant blood because the ancient peoples sealed Covenants with the blood of ritually sacrificed animals, and Jesus sealed his New Covenant with his own Blood shed on Calvary. Today's first reading describes how Moses, by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the Covenant Yahweh proposed and made with His People. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink: "Take … eat … this IS my Body which will be given up for you" (He did not say "This represents my body"), and "Take … drink …This is … my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins" (nor did He say, "This represents my blood…"). A Sacrament and a sacrifice: Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and, b) as a Meal, The Eucharist nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. b) We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols. Therefore, friends let us appreciate the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence.
Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyors: By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble sacrificial service. Let us offer our lives on the altar along with Jesus' sacrifice, asking pardon for our sins, expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received and presenting our needs and petitions on the altar. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, June 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is planning to have the Parish Pastoral Council Elections & the School Advisory Council elections during the Masses on Saturday, June 28 & Sunday June 29.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR OR CONFIRMATION TEACHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in helping teach PSR or Confirmation for the 2025/2026 school year, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954 or email at *bgraessle1@gmail.com.* Tag team with other teachers if you prefer to teach every other week is an option. Teachers are needed for Confirmation, 4th and 6th grades. All classes have a new curriculum with teacher and student guides.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OFFICE will be closed June 29-July 13.

CAMELOT ROYAL GIFTS – SALE- JOHN F. BERNSKOETTER TRUST: Monday, June 23-27-3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Jefferson City Capitol Malll.

LOOKING FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPS- St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Parishes are both in need of Women's Ministry representatives for the diocese. Representatives from the See City Deanery meet quarterly in Jefferson City, with other optional opportunities to get involved throughout the year. The Women's Ministry group fosters growth of faith and fellowship for women in our diocese, and representatives are responsible for communicating about women's events taking place in our diocese. Anyone who is interested or has questions are encouraged contact to Samantha Helton at (573) 469-8649.

ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN is Sunday, June 22, serving German pot roast, fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. $17.00 per ticket, dine in or carry-out. K of C clowns, corn hole tournament 1-4:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

COVENANT NETWORK MASS AND DINNER is Saturday, July 12, 4:00 p.m. Mass and 5:00 p.m. reception and dinner at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Cana Hall. Mike Roberts will be the keynote speaker. RSVP to Mark, 573-680-2520 or *mrehagen@gmail.com.* Please ask an usher to show you to the reserved seating at Holy Mass.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting fall soccer sign ups through google forms. Players ages 3-14 are welcome! Please sign up by July 12. Please email *wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com* to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is *fall soccer registration form*

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025
July 3 - St Thomas the Apostle Fest: 6:30 p.m. Mass with food and celebration after
July 13- St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
July 19-St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Tractor Pull
Knights of Columbus Blood Drives: July 10 & December11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall

Celebrate with us on **THURSDAY, JULY 3 at 6:30 PM** with a special Feast Day Mass in honor of St. Thomas the Apostle. After Mass, stick around for a festive evening filled with: Burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies & drinks Bounce house & games Fun activities. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of faith, food, and fellowship!

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Where: Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Pietrelcina, Cascia, Krakow, Auschwitz, Lagiewniki, Czestochowa
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ST. CECILIA

ROAST BEEF & FRIED CHICKEN

Picnic

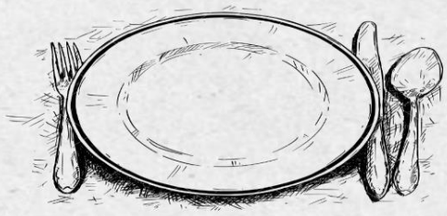
MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE BREAD & PIE

JULY 13, 2025

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

META CITIZENS' CIVIC LEAGUE PARK

COUNTRY STORE, KETTLE CORN, BEER GARDEN, RAFFLE



BINGO, GAMES, SANDWICH STAND, TOYLAND

QUILT, DESSERT & MORE AUCTION

4:00 P.M. ~ AUCTIONEERING PROVIDED BY HURST AUCTIONEER SERVICE

St. Cecilia Desserts & More Auction
July 13, 2025

Immediately following the Quilt Auction at 4:00 p.m.
Meta Citizen's Civic League Park

Please join us for the Desserts & More Auction at the St. Cecilia Picnic.
We will have 12 delicious **Desserts** plus 5 **More** great items up for auction.

We hope you will come and enjoy our Fried Chicken and Roast Beef meal served dine-in buffet style or carryout from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Carrot Cake	Doris Stumpe
Triple Chocolate Cake	Daniel Wieberg
Cinnamon Roll Cake	Jeanette & Annie Schroeder
Gooseberry Pie - Gluten Free	Mary Lou Hammann
Patches of Blue, Old & New Denim Throw 56 X 67	Bonnie Kampeter
Monster Cookies	Dolores Libbert
Blackberry Cobbler	Jacqueline Wankum
Cinnamon Rolls	Emilie Borgmeyer
German Chocolate Cake	Phyllis Rehagen
"Our Father" Counted Cross Stitch Picture 16 X 20	Debbie Hurst
Gift Basket	Rock Island Antiques
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie	Bonnie Kampeter
Blackberry Pie	Fr. Leonard & Dorothy Rehagen
Chocolate Raspberry Mousse Cake	Angela Muenks
Strawberry Pie	Katie Lueckenotto
Beef Jerky (8 lbs before dehyd)	Darin Even
Pork Steak Dinner for 10 at the Libbert Log Cabin	Norma Jean and Marty Libbert

HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.